

MDPB Minutes June 16, 2001

Members present:, J. Burton, D. Ettinger, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, B. Collamore, D. Stuchiner

MEMS Staff: D. White

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun, B. Zito, R. Petrie, B. Dunwoody

Guests: T. Judge, P. Marcolini, P. Goth, J. Regis, J. McKenney

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 05/16/01	none	Adopted	None.
<u>Old Business</u>			
1. Medical Protocol Reviews			
-Pediatric intubation statement.	-Ettinger and Burton presented, will be adopted in pediatric airway section.	-Adopted	
- Helmet removal protocol.	-Petrie and Diaz presented chart/diagram. Extensive discussion, particularly as to the wording of the protocol:when to remove the helmet and factors to consider. Athletic trainers should be involved in review during comment period.	- Motion by Diaz to accept protocol, second by Stuchiner. 7 in favor, none opposed.	
-LOM LZ safety	- Discussed with Judge, Marcolini and Dinerman. Presented information.	- Adopted, this will go in Grey section.	-
-Cspine protocol	- Discussion included proposal revisions by MDPB and Burton. Changes discussed with Goth and the amended protocol. Goal of changes are to simplify, improve and bring in-line with NEXUS document.	- - Motion by Kendall to accept with changes as proposed in protocol, second by Stuchiner. 7 in favor, none opposed	- Burton will discuss with education committee and ops. Will initiate education revisions. - Item for September agenda: education mod.

-Transfer Definitions description	Reviewed revisions of definitions for transfers: routine BLS non-emergency, routine ALS non-emergency, Paramedic Interfacility Transport Program, and Specialty Care transport..	Definitions accepted as written.	None.
-Mentally Ill patient Statement.	Group reviewed general language proposed to cover mentally ill transfers.	Adopted, this will go in Grey section.	None
-Psychiatric Patient Protocol	Group discussed need or interest in developing protocol specific to psychiatric patients – this idea will be developed. Group expressed interest.	Continue to study question and develop.	Followup at a later date in later session.
2. Vfib protocol	Discussion initiated at request of multiple service chiefs and regional directors/medicaldirectors. Recent developments to issue has been a number of EMS and EM groups refuting the concept of “standard of practice” as would apply to amiodorone. Groups have instead endorsed a policy of equivalence with lidocaine given the current available information. Other issues have included cost analysis done by Burton/Bradshaw considering potential benefit and cost to system given current literature and ARREST trial data combined with Maine EMS. Additional issue has been analysis and considerations by services and regions of cost given uncertainty of impact on outcomes. Each regional medical director	Motion by Stuchiner to replace Amiodorone as recently approved by MDPB with Lidocaine/current protocol in practice. This would also apply to V Tach algorithm, Second by Diaz. Vote: 7 in favor, none opposed.	Burton will inform interested parties and send out note to Maine EMS service chiefs notifying them of this change.

<p>3. Legislative update</p>	<p>indicated that cost/benefit was a definite concern in respective regions.</p> <p>Drexel reviewed legislative agenda and progress. Some discussion regarding recent AED bill as adopted.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><u>Other Business</u> 1.Decert/recert/cert</p>	<p>No changes to date. Laura Yustak Smth is continuing to develop issues with the regions for presentation at later date.</p>	<p>None.</p>	<p>Item for September Agenda.</p>
<p>Next meeting 9/20/2001 (0930 - 1230)</p>			